

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Tuesday, February 09, 2021
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew (Colwell), Rubel, Davis
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Davis
- GUESTS:** Toni Lawson and Josh Scholer, Idaho Hospital Assoc.; Carson Tester, Westerberg & Assoc.; Elizabeth Criner, ISDA
- Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- RS 28411:** **Rep. Ilana Rubel**, District 18, and **Rep. Paul Amador**, District 4, presented **RS 28411**. Special formulas are necessary for children and infants with digestive disorders. Although covered by Medicaid, the monthly \$2k cost is not covered by private insurance. Through this proposed legislation, the Department of Insurance is called to work with both insurance companies and families to present recommendations for a solution. Specific medical conditions are listed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 28411**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 28420:** **Rep. Rod Furniss**, District 35, on behalf of the Idaho Hospital Association, presented **RS 28420**, which changes the 30-day period for filling Board of Trustee member vacancies to 90 days. Other changes assure language consistency.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 28420**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 74:** **Rep. Brandon Mitchell**, District 5, presented **H 74**. In alignment with the Idaho State Constitution, this legislation removes the five- and one-mile radii for health orders. Ordinances placed beyond city limits can impact individuals without voting ability and neighboring cities.
- For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify in person or remotely.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **H 74** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mitchell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1012:** **Susan Miller**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Dentistry, presented **S 1012**, legislation to insure dentists cannot limit a patient's right to file a complaint with the Board, an important consumer protection provision. Additional housekeeping changes remove outdated and unnecessary sections.
- Elizabeth Criner**, Idaho State Dental Association, testified in support of **S 1012**.
- For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify in person or remotely.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **S 1012** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ferch** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary